

Conference Call 7.25.01

Patricia is on vacation this week. Ken Russell is joining these meetings beginning today. Joan apologizes for slamming everyone's emails with calendar updates for the weekly calls -- needed to add Ken and change rooms.

Data Warehouse

Pilot Participants: Albuquerque and Phoenix have identified their sites/host boxes. Hopefully in a Penobscott call today we will be able to finalize the type of data they'll be sending and in what format.

Data Model: Last week, we had a 3-day data modeling session to review the logical model prepared by IBM contractors; it has been reviewed by Mike Danielson whose input is now being incorporated into the model. In a meeting today with Brian Sheff of SAS we will incorporate SAS data element requirements into the data model and expect to have a near-final model by end of this week for distribution to a wider circle of reviewers.

Script Writing: Stephanie will provide information today to Steve and Betsy about the hierarchical files so Erroll (new IBM scriptwriter) can start writing the scripts.

Export Modifications: Lori will give us test files for the PCC re-export and Karen is working on files to use in testing the export. Both the PCC export and Pt Registration export have to go through AIB, so AIB needs modification to pick up the new fields/mods made to those export packages. This issue will be added to the warehouse issues list for tracking. We need to know from Rus today what developers he will assign to make the mods to Pt Reg and AIB so we can get preliminary formatting information for Erroll who needs it for his script writing. **Task**: Add NPIRS preparation to receive Pt. Reg re-exported production data to the NPIRS task list (as new task -- need to coordinate this with the developer selected). Re-exported Pt. Reg data will go both to NPIRS (current production db) and to the full data warehouse after it is used to populate the pilot DW. These mods will include a unique patient ID.

CHS Re-export: Brenda Jeanotte needs to be asked for her approval for Paul to work on the CHS re-export. (**Task**: Stan will call her: Did call her to find she's on leave for a couple of weeks.) We're going to ask the FI to send decimals and the existing re-exported FY97 and 98 CHS Outpatient files won't suffice. So, Stephanie will ask them to re-export FY97 to FY01.

Dental Re-export: Ray named Walt Reisch as the developer for making the Dental package export mods.

DWMgr Training: Stephanie and Joe are scheduled for Data Warehouse Mgr training in August. Perl is the selected scripting language and ERwin is the selected data modeling tool. Ken is determining who will be trained in the use of these tools.

Data Access and Use

Gary Hartz was pleased with the drafted document but has not signed off on it yet. Debra's office is reformatting it according to guidelines for policies and will then ask him to issue it. An issue was raised at Stan's DQA Team presentation at the Tech Conference about our team not having any Planning Officers on it. Stan's response is that we couldn't include people from all disciplines affected by data quality and maintain a small working group at the same time. The team is actively working to coordinate its efforts with established workgroups and members of various disciplines to ensure adequate and mutual communication.

Creation of views is still underway in NPIRS. Debra will let us know when the document is released.

Unduplication

Review of the User Pop reports on the NPIRS website awaits Patricia's return next week. The MPI vendor fair is next week and Karen will be attending. She also sent members of the MPI Workgroup the unduplication questionnaire previously sent to Stat Officers. Karen is also attending Vality training week after next. For pilot we need to create an algorithm for unduplication that reflects a consensus among the 11 out of 12 Areas from whom we received a response to Karen's questionnaire.

Workload and User Population Reports

Workload Verification: We are going to survey all Stat Officers in order to document the procedures they use to verify workload. (Note: The 'owner' of this task was not identified.)

Workload Reporting Cutoff: The Area Statistical Officers asked for a cut off date on the workload. This date is the final date that data would be accepted to NPIRS from sites for correcting/completing their data in NPIRS for FY98-2000. It also represents a final point to include changes in programming by NPIRS. For the years prior to FY2001, the date is 9/1/2001, with an official run scheduled for 10/1/2001. For the current fiscal year of data, FY2001, the date would be sometime after the end of the fiscal year--approximately November/December of 2001. Edna will confirm this in an email to the Statistical Officers.

Patricia's recent email indicated that the Statistical Officers feel there should be a stable set of data for them to review with the expectation that there are no plans by NPIRS to change it again. So they want to be sure that we have made all the corrections to the database that we think are important by that date (i.e., some of the "High" priority issues on the Data Issues List).

Joan and Karen are meeting with NPIRS Thursday afternoon to estimate the level of effort associated with each "High" priority issue and determine which can be implemented for the 10/1/2001 report run.

Monthly Reports Production: NPIRS are now working on another run of reports.

CHS Reprocessing: NPIRS has pseudo-processed a list of files suspected of being the “missing” CHS files and picked up some records as a result. We are now awaiting their processing of mainframe files, expected later today.

Other

Data Management Meeting: August 15, Wyndham Gardens.

August 7-8 Stan goes to Alaska to make presentation.